

**AGENDA  
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2011  
7:00 P.M.**

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:**
- 2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** April 11, 2011
- 3. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**
  - A. Arbor Day Proclamation
- 4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**
- 5. PETITIONER'S REQUEST:**
- 6. OTHER BUSINESS:**
- 7. ADJOURN:**

**Next Selectmen's meeting is Monday, May 9, 2011 – 7 p.m.  
Town Election is May 10, 2011 – 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Town Meeting is May 17, 2011 – 7 p.m.**

**MINUTES**  
**WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2011**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Ronald Turbin, Chair, Tom Costley, Thomas E. Sheldon, Jane B. Allen

**Absent:** David A. Rempell

**Others Present:** Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

**1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:** Mr. Turbin reported that Beaver Wood Energy had withdrawn its application for a permit for its biomass plant in Pownal, VT. Mr. Turbin said they could move to re-file but they will have to file their permits correctly. They tried to take short cuts and they were denied. Mr. Turbin complimented Attorney Gerald Tarrant for the good work he has done for Williamstown. Ms. Allen thanked Mr. Turbin for being the Board's spokesman. Mr. Turbin added that Mr. Fohlin was extremely helpful with the process and also thanked the Board for its support.

**2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** April 11, 2011 – Mr. Sheldon moved to approve the April 11, 2011 minutes. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**3. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**

**A. Arbor Day Proclamation** – Mr. Sheldon read the proclamation aloud. Ms. Allen moved selectmen sign the 2011 Arbor Day Proclamation. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The proclamation is attached.

**4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:** See attached. The Town Manager's report is available on the Town website under Town Manager.

**5. PETITIONER'S REQUEST:** None.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Sheldon asked Mr. Fohlin to explain why the town can overspend its snow and ice budget. Mr. Fohlin said the town spent \$380,569 to plow and sand the roads this past winter which was \$217,261 over budget. He explained that the snow and ice budget is the only municipal finance account that the State Legislature allows cities and town to exceed and, most years, the account is intentionally under funded. This year's overage will not have any extraordinary impact on the budget.

Mr. Sheldon gave a shout out to those who organized the Library Book Sale event that grossed about \$22,000.

**7. ADJOURN:** Mr. Costley moved to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The next Selectmen's meeting is Monday, May 9, 2011 – 7 p.m. The Town Election is May 10, 2011 – 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Town Meeting is May 17, 2011 – 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane B. Allen, Secretary